

~~Page 8,~~ line 13, after "experiments" insert --,--.

~~Page 9,~~ line 6, after "allows" insert --one--.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Line 8, delete the paragraph indication.

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice and substitute therefor the following new claims:~~

~~--18. A method for treating lethal viral infections in a patient which comprises administering to a patient a tumour necrosis factor (TNF) receptor in combination with dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA) simultaneously, separately or sequentially.~~

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~~19. The method of claim 18, wherein the TNF receptor is TNF Binding Protein-2.~~

~~20. The method of claim 18, wherein the TNF receptor is TNF Binding Protein-1.~~

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~~21. A method for treating autoimmune and inflammatory diseases in a patient which comprises administering to the patient a tumour necrosis factor (TNF) receptor in combination with dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA) simultaneously, separately or sequentially.~~

~~22. The method of claim 21, wherein the TNF receptor is TNF Binding Protein-2.~~